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### Internet Freedom

**WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 15, 2011** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered a speech on “Internet Rights And Wrongs: Choices & Challenges In A Networked World,” at George Washington University. She called on the global community to choose to keep the internet open as a space for free expression, ideas, innovation, and economic growth, and discussed the contemporary versions of age-old challenges that arise in this new digital age. “One year ago, I offered a starting point for that vision by calling for a global commitment to internet freedom, to protect human rights online as we do offline,” Secretary Clinton said. “The rights of individuals to express their views freely, petition their leaders, worship according to their beliefs – these rights are universal, whether they are exercised in a public square or on an individual blog.” [Read More](#)



#### Internet Freedom Fact Sheet

Secretary Clinton has called on the global community to protect freedom of expression, association, and assembly in the online world. Taken together, these rights comprise what Secretary Clinton calls the “freedom to connect.” By protecting these rights in the digital era, we preserve the promise and the possibility of the Internet as a platform for ideas, innovation, connection, and economic growth.

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